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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH ICRC ON AMERICAN IMPRISONED IN ANGOLA

REF: (A) STATE 240415; (B) STATE 237189

1. MXISSOFF MET WITH ICRC DELEGATES-GENERAL FOR EUROPE AND NORTH AMERICA (BORSINGER) AND FOR AFRICA (SCHMIDT) THIS MORNING, SEPTEMBER 29, TO LODGE REQUEST CONCERNING MARION MILLER TRANSMITTED REF A.

2. SCHMIDT SAID THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY AWARE OF MILLER CASE BUT WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO CONTACT HIM, ASCERTAIN HIS CONDITION, AND SEEK HIS RELEASE THROUGH THE TWO ICRC REPS IN LUANDA. SCHMIDT ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC AS TO POSSIBILITIES OF SUCCESS IN THESE EFFORTS. HE INDICATED THAT ANGOLAN GOVERNMENT CHAOS AND PRE-OCCUPATION WITH OTHER MATTERS, (SPECIFICALLY MENTIONING ADMISSION TO U.N.), MADE PROGRESS IN THESE AREAS EXCEEDINGLY DIFFICULT AND SLOW. HE CITED ICRC'S INABILITY THUS FAR TO OBTAIN PERMISSION TO VISIT CONVICTED MERCENARIES AND SOUTH AFRICANS IN ANGOLESE PRISONS. NONETHELESS, HE PROMISED EVERY EFFORT ON MILLER'S BEHALF AND THAT HE WOULD
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3. COMMENT: WHILE WE HAVE FOUND SCHMIDT TO BE NORMALLY
PESSIMISTIC, HIS DOUBTS AS TO FRUITFUL DEALINGS WITH ANGOLAN
AUTHORITIES ON THIS CASE MAY WELL BE JUSTIFIED.CATTO

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